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Honorable Katharine S. Hayden, U.S.D.J.
United States District Court
Martin Luther King Building & U.S. Courthouse
50 Walnut Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Re: Mazzetti v. Wood, et al.
Civil Action No.: 12-5347

Dear Judge Hayden:

This office represents State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection and Permanency; Kara Wood; Allison Blake; Kathleen A. Lucas, Anna Severino, Mary Weizel-Martin, and Susan Slaff.

Please accept this correspondence in opposition to plaintiff's filing of Amended Complaint dated December 4, 2014. Firstly, the docket is closed and the matter has been previously dismissed by Your Honor. Plaintiff filed an appeal with the Third Circuit, wherein they remanded for further finding. Supplemental briefs were supplied to Your Honor in September. No new decision has yet been filed, and as such the matter is closed.

Additionally, pursuant to F.R.C.P. 15(a)(1), plaintiff's time for amending his pleadings as a matter of course has long expired. Plaintiff has not sought leave of Court to file the amended pleading pursuant to F.R.C.P. 15(a)(2).



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For the reasons above, the filing of the amended pleading is improper and should be dismissed.

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